

Name: **Central Kennaday BGWR Central WY-030-18N83W34-2012**

# FORM 1

## Documentation of BLM Wilderness Inventory Findings on Record

**1. Is there existing BLM wilderness inventory information on all or part of this area?**

**No**   X   **Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ (if yes, and if more than one area is within the area, list the names of those areas):

**a) Inventory Source:** \_\_\_\_\_

**b) Inventory Area Name(s)/Number(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**c) Map Name(s)/Number(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**d) BLM District (s)/Field Office(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. BLM Inventory Finds on Record:

Existing inventory information regarding wilderness characteristics (if more than one BLM inventory area is associated with the area, list each area and answer each question individually for each inventory area):

Inventory Source: \_\_\_\_\_

## **FORM 2**

### **Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics**

a. Area Number/Name **Central Kennaday BGWR WY-030-18N83W34-2012** Acreage  
5668.69

(1) Is the area of sufficient size?

Yes   X   No           

Describe the boundaries of the area (roads, property lines, etc.). If the area meets one of the exceptions to the size criterion, check "Yes" and describe the exception. If more than one inventory area is involved, list the acres in each and evaluate each area/sub-area separately. In completing steps (1) – (5), use additional space as necessary.

The unit is bound on the south by BLM Road 3417, on the north by County Road 205 and a developed access road right-of-way held by a private citizen (WYW 144353). The remaining boundaries lie between public and private and State of Wyoming owned lands. There is one private land inholding of 160 acres.

**DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS:** (Include acreage, land ownership, location, topography, vegetation and summary of the major human uses/activities)

The 5668.69 acre unit consists entirely of public land managed in the Rawlins Field Office. One private inholding lies in the middle of the unit. The unit is gently to steeply rolling sagebrush grasslands sloping from east to west. The unit consists of the Central Kennaday BGWR and portions of three other grazing allotments. There is no livestock grazing on the winter range but there is cattle grazing on the other three pastures. The area is ESE of Saratoga about five miles. Recreational activity, primarily, consists of hunting. Among range improvements, one well and one pond are on the unit. Numerous two track routes, trails, and fences bisect sections within the area.

(2) Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A ☐

Description: The 30.75 miles of primitive routes (i.e., unimproved roads and two-track trails) detract from the unit's naturalness. Examples of these primitive routes are demonstrated in photos 5, 8-9, 11-14, 17, 19-20, 23-24, and 26-28. When hiking across the Central Kennaday BGWR Unit, the casual observer cannot escape the constant view of primitive routes. These primitive routes create noticeable linear intrusions and disturbances that interrupt the experience of any wilderness character briefly encountered in areas untrammelled by the works of man.

The Central Kennaday BGWR Unit also contains one man-made reservoir (see location in the large-scale aerial photo). When the casual observer encounters this man-made borrow pit and

impounded reservoir, the linear and textual contrast on the landscape attracts the attention of the observer to these modifications constructed with mechanized equipment.

The casual observer is often attracted to bodies of water while hiking. Water adds interest and diversity to the landscape. When arriving at the one reservoir, the casual observer would notice that it is not a natural lake and that they have encountered an impounded, muddy borrow pit. The hiker seeking refreshment from clean water, would quickly notice that this “reservoir” is designed for cattle operations where the water is unfit for human consumption or swimming. The numerous range improvements, including one reservoir, five fences, and one water well, were constructed, primarily, for commercial grazing operations. These improvements give the casual observer a perception that they are visitors to a cattle range rather than a wilderness untrammelled by the works of man. While the presence of cattle is compatible with a natural landscape for wilderness inventory purposes, the noticeable presence of numerous grazing-related developments in this unit is not.

In sum, the cumulative impacts on naturalness including the primitive routes and permanent range improvements have impaired the naturalness in the Central Kennaday BGWR Unit to a level that is incompatible with the definitions of wilderness provided in Section 2(c) of the Wilderness Act of 1964 (incorporated in FLPMA 1976):

**A wilderness, in contrast with those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is hereby recognized as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain. An area of wilderness is further defined to mean in this Act an area of undeveloped Federal land retaining its primeval character and influence, without permanent improvements or human habitation, which is protected and managed so as to preserve its natural conditions and which (1) generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable; (2) has outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation; (3) has at least five thousand acres of land or is of sufficient size as to make practicable its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition; and (4) may also contain ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical value.**

(3) Does the area or the remainder of the area (if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for solitude?

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☒

Description:

(4) Does the area or the remainder of the area (if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☒

Description:

(5) Does the area have supplemental values (ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational scenic or historical value)?

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☒

Description:

## Summary of Analysis

**Area Name and/or Number: Central Kennaday BGWR Central WY-030-18N83W34-2012**

### Summary

Results of analysis:

1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements? ☒ Yes ☐ No
2. Does the area appear to be natural? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A
3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities of solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A
4. Does the area have supplemental values? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ The area, or a portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics and is identified as Land with Wilderness Characteristics (LWC).

\_\_X\_\_ The area does not have wilderness characteristics.

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